



OLD EDITOR'S TYPEWRITER: The General Secretary advised that Mr McFadzien, the previous Editor of the Journal had indicated a desire to retain the old typewriter as the new Editor did not require same. The machine was approximately 30 years of age and a valuation was to hand from British Typewriter's Ltd. assessing the value of the machine at £8. It was pointed out, however, that if the machine was put up for sale it was unlikely to realise £5. It was RESOLVED: (Berry/Glynn) "That the old typewriter be presented to the retiring Editor, Mr McFadzien."

LIFE MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES: Life Membership Certificates which had been engrossed for Messrs D.G. Hamilton and L.K. Griffin were presented for signature and appropriately executed in line with Conference Awards.

INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE REPORT: Mr T.S. Wheeler, produced a newspaper report emanating from a Conference of the above organisation in which recommendations had been made that future grassland plantings give emphasis to the use of rhizomatous plants for stronger pastures and higher production of meat, wool etc. He said that he did not understand what was intended from the recommendation but considered that the Association should inquire as to whether policy may be switching away from the use of clovers on which beekeepers rely heavily for honey production. It was RESOLVED: (Wheeler/Winslade) "That the Secretary write to the Institute inquiring as to the purport of the newspaper article published."

RE-OPENING OF BAY OF PLENTY CLOSED AREA: Mr Berry referred to the Conference remit No. 16 on which action had been withheld pending further consideration by the Executive After very lengthy discussion, it was RESOLVED: (Berry/Glynn) "That the remit be conveyed to the Department of Agriculture." The dissenting opinion of Mr Barber was recorded at his request.

GENERAL: After brief discussion of a number of general matters of minor interest, the Meeting at length terminated at 4.15 p.m. In closing the Meeting the Chairman expressed his thanks to members for their assistance in the conduct of the business and these sentiments were reciprocated by Mr Winslade in proposing a vote of thanks to the Chair which was carried with acclamation.

CONFIRMED

DATE.....4-8-64.....CHAIRMAN.....Hawake.....

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE OF THE NATIONAL
BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION HELD IN THE MAYFAIR HOTEL HASTINGS
COMMENCING TUESDAY 4 AUGUST 1964 AT 9.15 A.M.

PRESENT: Messrs H. Cloake (Chairman) T.S.Wheeler; J.R.Barber;
G.E. Winslade; P. Berry; J. Glynn; and the General
Secretary (Mr R.A.Fraser).

APOLOGY: An apology for unavoidable absence was tendered by
Mr L.W. Goss, Editor of the N.Z. Beekeeper due to
unavoidable circumstances. The apology was sustained.

MINUTES: Minutes of the last meeting of the General Executive
held in the Grand Hotel, Wellington on the 21st and
22nd November 1963, copies of which had been circulated
to all members were taken as read and confirmed as a
true record on the motion of Messrs Barber and Wheeler.

AUDITED ACCOUNTS: The General Secretary presented to the meeting
the annual accounts of the Association for the year
ended 31 May 1964 bearing the Auditor's Certificate
of inspection and verification.

Arising out of the discussion of the accounts,
in which the Secretary commented on various items of
income & expenditure and features of the Post Office
Savings Bank Account and the accounts held at the
Bank of N.Z., it was RESOLVED: (Barber/Winslade)
A. "That the present Post Office Savings Bank Account
to be closed and funds therefrom be transferred to the
Association's Trading Account at the Bank of New
Zealand, Foxton.

B. That a new Post Office Savings Bank Account be
opened with the title 'National Beekeepers' Association
Bursary Fund Account' and that the funds at present
on fixed deposit at the Bank of N.Z. for this purpose
be lodged therein together with all subsequent Bursary
Funds."

After further discussion of general items it was
at length RESOLVED: (Glynn/Berry) "That the Audited
Accounts of the Association for the year ended 31
May 1964 as presented be adopted."

P.O.S.B. ACCOUNTS: The Secretary raised the question of
appointment of signatories to the Post Office Savings
Bank Accounts and after discussion it was RESOLVED:
(Barber/Berry) "That the National President and
General Secretary for the time being of the Associat-
ion be and are hereby appointed the Trustees
authorised to operate all and any accounts opened
by the Association in the Post Office Savings Bank."

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: The General Secretary presented schedules
of accounts requiring authorisation for payment,
covering the period from November 1963 to the end of
the financial year 31 May 1964 and from 1 June 1964
to 30 July 1964. Attached to the latter was a
Treasurer's Statement which was read and adopted.
Vouchers relating to all payments made or requiring
to be paid were attached to the schedules. These
were tabled for inspection by all members. RESOLVED:
(Winslade/Wheeler) "That accounts totalling £1649.5.3.
represented by vouchers 212 to 240 inclusive and 801
to 806 inclusive be passed for payment and that the
Secretary's action in effecting prior payment be
and is hereby endorsed.

RESOLVED: (Wheeler/Glynn) That accounts as per
schedule represented by vouchers Nos. 807 to 812 inclu-
sive incurred for the period 1 June 1964 to 30 July





1964 totalling £115. 7s. 6d. be passed for payment."

It was also noted that a meeting of the incoming Executive would be required for the purpose of regulating all signing authorities with regard to the operation of the various banking accounts of the Association.

JOURNAL: "N.Z. BEEKEEPER:" The Secretary read a report from the Editor expressing his personal disappointment at being unable to be present and commenting upon aspects of the editing, production and distribution of the Association's quarterly organ. He referred particularly to his change of domicile to Auckland, the service which the Association had received from its printers, The Timaru Herald Ltd. (which he regarded as unsatisfactory) and to the difficulties being experienced with mailing lists and the present method of recording and addressing. In view of his past experiences with the Timaru Herald Ltd. and in view of his transfer from Christchurch to Auckland and the difficulties of remoteness thereby created, Mr Goss recommended that consideration be given to a change of printer to an Auckland firm. He supplied a quotation from an Auckland firm which he personally considered would be suitable and it was noted that the Auckland quotation was more than comparable in price with the Timaru printers at face value.
RESOLVED: (Wheeler/Winslade) "That the Editor's report be received."

JOURNAL PRINTER: After lengthy and serious consideration of the proposals and observations made by the Editor it was RESOLVED: (Wheeler/Barber) "That the Editor's suggestion concerning a change of printer be accepted for the reasons of convenience of working at close hand and that the quotation of the Observer Printing Works Ltd., Auckland of a basic cost of £72. for a 36-Page Journal be accepted subject to:-"

- (A) Satisfactory guarantees from the Company for deadline dates of publication.
- (B) Cost of extra pages and extra copies to be negotiated at a cost comparable to the present Printer's charges. AND that the President and the General Secretary be deputed to finalise such arrangements in consultation with the Editor."

JOURNAL MAILING LISTS AND RECORDING SYSTEMS: The matters raised by the Editor were discussed at some length and the General Secretary commented upon the inherent weaknesses of the present system. The present system was cumbersome in the extreme and fraught with all of the failings of the human element which resulted in a considerable amount of additional work and frustration for both the Editor and the General Secretary. The Editor had proposed a change to an Addressograph system which would involve the Association in some initial costs plus cost of maintenance. It would however, be a businesslike move which would overcome the majority of the present inadequacies of the system in current use. This matter was debated at considerable length and it was finally AGREED that the matter be deferred for the consideration of the incoming Executive.

McFADZIEN PRESENTATION: The Secretary referred to the Appeal which had been addressed to branches and members through circulars and the Journal for donations to a Presentation Fund so that an

appropriate and tangible expression of appreciation could be given to Mr McFadzien for his many years of devoted service to the industry as a Editor of the Journal. He advised that the funds in hand as at date as the result of this Appeal approximated £58. He further advised that he had earlier privily communicated with Mr McFadzien to ascertain his desires as to the form of presentation i.e. whether by cash or by gift and had ascertained Mr McFadzien's preference for the latter and in particular (bearing in mind the unknown volume of contributions at the date of inquiry) a camera (which would adapt itself to various price ranges according to the amount subscribed). After due consideration it was RESOLVED: (Winslade/Barber) "That a 35mm. camera be purchased for presentation to Mr J. McFadzien from the funds produced by donations, with any excess to be given by way of cheque" The President advised on his proposals for the timing and method of presentation at Conference and these were endorsed.

MEETING WITH DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS: At 3 p.m. the Executive received Mr A.M.W. Greig, Director of Horticulture and Mr T. Palmer-Jones, Principal Scientific Officer of the Department of Agriculture stationed at the Wallaceville Research Station. Prior to receiving the Departmental Officers, the Executive had given consideration to matters which it considered should be discussed with the Department.

Conference Scrutineers: At the outset of the meeting Mr Greig was invited to place before the Executive any particular matters of concern to himself. In this regard he advised that the official attitude of the Department of Agriculture was that it did not mind Apiary Officers of the Department being seconded off the floor of Conference to assist as scrutineers in any elections or voting procedures, provided that in their absence from the sessions remits dealing with departmental services or matters of interest to the Department were not under consideration. This matter was noted by the Executive and appreciation expressed for the Department's viewpoint in the matter.

Toxic Honey Research: Mr Greig explained the difficulties which he had experienced following the last meeting of the Executive in having Government agree to the type of scientific appraisal of the tutu and toxic honey problem which he had envisaged and elaborated to that meeting. The Research Director of the Department had now made it clear to him that the type of re-appraisal on a scientific basis which had originally been planned was impracticable. The Department now plan therefore to hold a further Joint Meeting of interested and qualified parties with a view to arriving at a satisfactory solution to the present problems. An invitation would be extended to the Association to have two representatives sitting on this Re-assessment Committee.

National Research Advisory Council: (Horticultural Working Committee) Mr Greig referred to the establishment of this Council and to the call which it had made to all Horticultural Industries, including the Beekeepers' Association, for comments on matters affecting research. He suggested that the establishment of this Advisory Council by Government and the invitation now extended by the Council to the Executive provided the Association with a unique opportunity of submitting its views and achieving some improvement in scientific services to the honey industry in line with the recommendations expressed in the Honey Industry Assessment reports. Mr Greig's advices in this regard were noted for early attention.

Bacillus Larvae Disease: Mr Greig elaborated upon the developments since the B.L. Committee met in 1961 to evaluate the problems associated with this disease in the honey industry and the steps which should properly be taken to improve the position as it then stood. The Executive had consistently pressed for the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of that meeting and had now been promised legislation to give practical effect to the Committee recommendations. Unfortunately the Department had missed the opportunity of making complete provision in the current year's legislative programme for amendment of the Apiaries Act and in order that the matter could be dealt with in the current parliamentary session, it was proposed by Government to make provision for the salient recommendations of the report under the 1964 Statutes Amendment Act. This however limited amendment to a maximum of two clauses of the existing Apiaries Act. Mr Greig outlined the proposals of the Department for dealing with the legislation in this manner and recommended that the Executive write to the Minister expressing the hope that he would aid the implementation of the Committee's reports by supporting the inclusion of the necessary clauses in the Local Legislation Act 1964.

Diploma in Apiculture: Mr Cloake raised the question of the provision of Examiners in the Diploma course. In this connection he referred specifically to correspondence between himself and the Secretary of the Royal N.Z. Institute of Horticulture in the matter. Mr Greig opined that it would be necessary for the Executive to set up an "Examining Committee" comprising properly qualified persons within the industry to assist the Institute in conducting the examinations. He felt that if the Executive could arrive at a satisfactory panel that it should then make arrangements for the panel to meet Professor Gordon (Professor of Botany at the Victoria University College) who was the Chairman of the Institute's Examining Board, so that the panel could be properly acquainted with its duties and responsibilities in the matter.

Overseas Study Bursary: The Secretary raised with Mr Greig the question of the Department's continuing support and assistance in both the selection of candidates and the arrangement of study tours by the successful Bursar. Mr Greig confirmed the Department's willingness to assist in this field but suggested that the Association contact the Fruitgrowers Federation for information on similar schemes undertaken by that Federation and in particular to gain knowledge of some of the pitfalls associated with such student exchange programmes.

Messrs Greig and Palmer-Jones retired from the meeting at 4.15 p.m.

BACILLUS LARVAE DISEASE: In discussing the matters raised by Mr Greig, the Executive noted that no provision was made in the proposed amendments to clauses 8 and 9 of the Apiaries Act for control or restriction on the use of anti-biotics in the treatment of bee diseases. It was decided that the Secretary should draw the Department's attention to the Executive's concern at the omission. Some definite legislative restrictions on the use of anti-biotics was needed especially

in view of the conflicting opinions expressed to local beekeepers by a visiting American beekeeper recently.

RESOLVED: (Wheeler/Berry) "That the Executive approves in principle the draft amendments proposed to clauses 8 and 9 in the Apiaries Act as submitted by Mr Greig."

EXAMINATIONS IN DIPLOMA OF APICULTURE: Further to the discussions with Mr Greig in this matter it was agreed that the Executive should be responsible for putting forward a panel of examiners. After fairly lengthy consideration, it was at length decided that the following persons be approached to accept the position of examiners in the Diploma in Apiculture courses:-
Messrs J. McFadzien; C.R. Paterson; J.W. Fraser; R. Davidson; T.E. Pearson; R.S. Walshe; and Griffin.

(At this stage of the meeting the Secretary absented himself, with the leave of the meeting, to complete the final sections of the Annual Report).

N.B.A. FINANCE: During the Secretary's absence the Chairman drew attention to the serious position in which the Association was again placed financially and reviewed the various means that had been suggested over a period of years for increasing the Association's income. Lack of finance had been a problem which had existed since the Association's inception. It had constantly limited the proper scope of activity on the Association's part in safeguarding and improving the position of all honey producers in New Zealand. Not only could the General Executive not meet at regular intervals to attend to the industry's problems on a continuing basis but it had restricted necessary meetings even in times of urgent crisis. In addition, the Executive had been living on borrowed time as far as the services of its General Secretary were concerned. He drew attention to the fact that for many years the Executive had recognised that the General Secretary was considerably under-remunerated (a view which had been endorsed by Conference in 1961 at Nelson.) At that stage Conference had decided to set itself a target for its immediate future in the way of work programmes and the maintenance of essential services including the production of the quarterly journal 'The N.Z. Beekeeper'. In 1961 it had been considered by Conference that £2,500 additional income was required by the Association if it was to be able to function properly at national level. It had resolved to provide itself with such income from what then appeared to be the only logical source i.e. the Seals Fund administered by the Honey Marketing Authority. Regrettably, the funds produced by the Seal Levy were subject to Government control. Although Government acknowledged that they were "Industry" funds, it had stipulated that their prime purpose was in price equalisation to assist internal market stability and at worst provided the H.M.A. with a guarantee of income sufficient to meet its fixed overheads. For this reason the 1961 Conference decision to seek a further £2,500 from the Seals Levy had been rejected. Mr Cloake also referred to the Hive Registration Fee Proposal which had been put forward with the view of not only providing additional funds for the Association but also bringing some degree of equity into the contributions of all beekeepers in the costs of maintaining a national organisation. Investigation into this avenue however, had ruled it out on the grounds of impracticability prior to the Nelson Conference. Many suggestions had also been made for a re-scaling of membership fees to the Association but this proposition had grave

limitations because of the essential fact that membership of the Association was purely voluntary and there were strict limits as to the amount of additional income which could be produced by further taxing the present voluntary subscribers. This inevitably led thinking to the only practical alternative remaining; that was, a levy on produce established specifically for N.B.A. finance and divorced from any relationship with the Seals Levy. Such a scheme would have the added advantage that everyone who enjoyed the benefits of the Association's efforts (i.e. those who produced honey for profit) would be contributing in more or less direct ratio to the benefits which they gained, quantitatively, according to the size of their production. A further point worthy of note too was that precedent existed for the Pricing Authorities to regard such a levy as part of the producer's Cost-of-Production. In other words, Government saw in the establishment and maintenance of producers organisations some ultimate value to the consumer for which the consumer should pay in the ultimate cost of the product purchased. After very lengthy consideration unanimous agreement was expressed with the views put forward by the Chairman and ways and means of introducing the proposition to Conference were discussed. The Secretary was advised in this connection on his return to the Meeting.

ANNUAL REPORT: The Secretary read the draft Annual Report which he had prepared in accordance with instructions from the President as to general line of thought and policy. The final portion of the report comprising acknowledgements and various appreciations had been drafted by the President himself. After brief consideration it was RESOLVED: (Wheeler/Winslade) "That the Annual Report be endorsed for presentation to Conference."

MEETING WITH H.M.A. REPRESENTATIVES: After the dinner adjournment the Executive received Messrs G.E. Gumbrell and C.T. Gosse, Chairman and General-Manager of the Honey Marketing Authority. Amongst the many matters discussed were the extension of maximum number of votes in elections for the Honey Marketing Authority Producers Representatives; late journal publication; policy on decontrol of honey prices; and the various Conference remits on Marketing matters.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS: After the Authority members had withdrawn, Messrs E. Ball, R. Davidson and T. Penrose waited upon the Executive praying favourable consideration to a proposal from the South Canterbury Branch that Mr James Forster be nominated for Life-membership at this Conference. It was also noted that the Otago Branch were renewing their nomination of Mr J. McFadzien for Life-membership and that this application had previously been endorsed by the Executive.

After the deputation withdrew, the Executive gave lengthy consideration to the proposal of Mr Forster in the light of the policy which had been laid down by successive Executives over many years regarding qualifications. It had been consistently recognised over the years that a prime qualification for Life-membership was "outstanding service to the industry at national level." This was generally interpreted as including some term of service on any one of the industry's main administrative bodies either in marketing or otherwise in the case of producers, or distinctive service in the case of others such as retired departmental officers. Mr Forster's service to the industry had been in the field of Association affairs over a period

exceeding 30 years at provincial level. It was noted that he had been principally responsible for the establishment and maintenance of the Association's organisation in Canterbury and South Canterbury areas over this period. RESOLVED: (Barber/Winslade) "That this Executive endorses the nomination of Mr James Forster for Life-membership."

RESOLVED: (Barber/Glynn) That this Executive endorses the nomination of Mr J. McFadzien for Life-membership."

N.B.A. LIBRARY: An interim report from the librarian, Mr C. Dawson was received and read. It was noted that a further and full report including financial statement would be presented to the Executive at a later date. RESOLVED: (Wheeler/Glynn) "That the Librarian's interim report be received."

TUTU AND TOXIC HONEY: The Secretary reviewed developments since the date of the last Executive meeting when this matter had been discussed with Departmental Officers. Following the press reports of a new occurrence of honey poisoning in the Bay of Plenty closed area, he had taken the initiative of writing again to the Director-General of Agriculture requesting urgent clarification of the position by way of the previously indicated scientific re-appraisal. The correspondence to and from Director-General in this matter, (photo copies of which had previously been supplied to all members) was reviewed and the Secretary's action endorsed. A resolution from the Bay of Plenty Branch expressing lack of confidence in Mr T. Palmer-Jones as Principal Scientific Officer was also received and considered. The Secretary read the interim reply which he had sent to the Branch which was wholeheartedly endorsed. It was RESOLVED: ("That this Executive does not consider any action on the Bay of Plenty resolution expressing "No confidence" in Mr T. Palmer-Jones is warranted or advisable in the known circumstances. In its opinion any errors of omission or judgement are the responsibility of Government and the system of dependence on one officer only in scientific work rather than the fault of the individual."

PRICES AND PRICE CONTROL: The actions of the Secretary and President subsequent to the last Executive Meeting which had resulted in a penny increase in the Price Order were reviewed and endorsed.

Continued representations had been made to the Minister of Industries & Commerce for the granting of decontrol of honey prices in line with previous Conference policy. In recent months the H.M.A. had also raised the decontrol issue with the Association suggesting certain further approaches to the Minister. In the absence of an early Executive Meeting, this matter had been handled by the President and General Secretary (with appropriate advices to other Executive members.) RESOLVED: (Berry/Wheeler) "That the actions of the General Secretary and President in defining the Executive's attitude to decontrol to the H.M.A. be endorsed."

N.B.A. STUDY BURSARY: The continuing action which had been taken by the Secretary in endeavouring to arrange with the Canadian Beekeepers Council and the Department of Agriculture for the first Bursar to visit Canada were reviewed and correspondence read. It was left to the Secretary to continue the development of arrangements in the best possible manner with the Canadian Agencies. The continuing action at local level by way of reports of progress to the donors

and a collection of second instalment donations were also noted and endorsed.

TRAINING SEMINAR: Mr Winslade reported on the progress achieved by the Sub-committee comprising himself and Messrs Forster and Cook of the Department of Agriculture in developing the planning for a beekeeper's training school to be held in Timaru in September. In the face of a lot of initial difficulties, the Committee had now reached the stage of worthwhile progress and it was confidently anticipated that the project would be a success. The development of the project had deviated somewhat from the line previously agreed by the Executive with the Department but this had been occasioned by circumstances beyond Mr Winslade's control.

RESOLVED: (Wheeler/Barber) "That the actions of the Sub-committee be endorsed and that appreciation be expressed to the members of the Committee and to the Department of Agriculture for their valued efforts in the matter."

It was suggested to the Committee that they compile a post-mortem report of the seminar which would assist in the planning of future similar activities. The Secretary undertook to draft a "post-mortem questionnaire" to be completed by those attending the seminar to assist in such evaluation.

PROCEDURES OF EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEES: RESOLVED: (Glynn/Wheeler) "That the incoming Executive be recommended to set down rules of procedure for the operation of Executive Sub-committees, and Executive Members, individually."

CONFERENCE REPORTING: The Secretary advised receipt of an offer from Mr J. McFadzien to act as Official Conference Recorder (as in the past) in view of the fact that the Editor of the Journal would not be present on this occasion. He stipulated that he did not wish to accept any payment for the position.

RESOLVED: (Winslade/Wheeler) "That the offer of Mr J. McFadzien to act as Official Conference Recorder be accepted subject to the usual conditions as to payment of £20 therefor."

SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION: Mr R.A. Fraser confirmed his former verbal advice to the President by announcing with regret that he was obliged to tender his resignation from the position of General Secretary of the Association with effect from 31 August. In answer to questions, he advised that his decision was based on personal reasons which he had conveyed to the President. He did not wish to say more than that his firm resignation at this stage would give the Association as a whole a clear opportunity to re-appraise its whole position instead of placing the Executive in the invidious position in which it had found itself for many years. He thanked members for the goodwill which had been extended to him during his term of office. After further brief discussion it was RESOLVED: (Cloake/Barber) "That the incoming Executive give immediate attention to the filling of the position of General Secretary."

The meeting adjourned at 1.15 a.m. on 5/8/64 and resumed again after the first day of conference at 9 p.m. on 5/8/64.

LIBRARY TRADING: The Secretary reported on correspondence which he had received from the Librarian on the question of the library trading for profit in various beekeeping magazines, periodicals and books. He had conveyed a reply on policy which he had considered in line with the Executive's previously established regulations regarding the library and this was endorsed.

COLONEL KIMPTON'S VISIT: All matters in relation to arrangements for district meetings to receive Colonel Kimpton had been made by the Secretary at the request of the Honey Marketing Authority without prior reference to the Executive. The actions taken were reviewed and it was RESOLVED: (Wheeler/Winslade) "That the Secretary's actions be endorsed."

H.M.A. FINANCE FOR FOOD TECHNOLOGY POST-GRADUATE STUDY AWARD:

This matter had been referred for comment to the Executive by the Authority and views sought by the General Secretary per medium of post. As there had been some conflict of views in the replies the Secretary had received, he had withheld a final comment from the Authority until the Executive could discuss the matter. After full discussion it was RESOLVED: (Glynn/Wheeler) "That the Executive recommends to the Honey Marketing Authority that the Authority support the scheme put forward by the Massey University."

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES: Per medium of the Canterbury Branch a request was received from the National Council of Churches for assistance in providing beekeeping literature to a young Burmese Christian Worker who was endeavouring to develop beekeeping in outback Burma. As a result of discussion it was decided that the correspondence be sent on to the Editor of the Journal with instructions to print an Appeal in the Journal to any beekeeper with surplus books to send same to the Secretary, N.Z. National Council of Churches.

DEFERRED BUSINESS: It was decided to defer consideration of the following with a recommendation that they be considered by the incoming Executive:-

1. Correspondence and material from the International Beekeeping Organisation, "Apimondia."
2. Honey Publicity with particular reference to the German Scientific papers on health factors as translated and their possible use. Also the opportunities of extending at district levels, newspaper coverage of various general interest activities of beekeepers and the use of honey in recipes.
3. Possible restrictions in Reserve Bank Finance to the H.M.A.
4. Official Representation at meetings of the Northern Comb Honey Producers Association.

OTHER BUSINESS: Brief consideration was given to the following additional items of business on the Agenda:-

- A. Use of television for Producer's Sessions and programmes of general interest on beekeeping; (Investigations to date noted).
- B. Various resolutions from the Waikato Branch N.B.A. (received)
- C. West Coast Apiary Instructor shortage. (Action taken by General Secretary and current position was noted).
- D. Production potential, including correspondence with the Director-General of Agriculture,

D.S.I.R. and Institute of Agricultural Science;
(Noted)

- E. Correspondence with the Medimpex Company of Buda-pest, Hungary re antibiotics for control of nosema disease; (Noted & endorsed)
- F. 1080 Poison: Results of Wallaceville Research Station testing and subsequent publicity;

The meeting terminated at 12.45 A.M. THURSDAY
6 AUGUST 1964.

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DATE. 18-9-64 CHAIRMAN. Hawake

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE INCOMING GENERAL EXECUTIVE
HELD IN THE WELLESLEY HALL HASTINGS (immediately after the close
of Conference) ON FRIDAY 7 AUGUST 1964 AT 12.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Messrs H. Cloake (President) T.S. Wheeler (Vice-President)
J.R. Barber; J. Glynn; D. Barrow; G.E. Winslade; and
the General Secretary (Mr R.A. Fraser).

BANK AUTHORITIES: RESOLVED: "That the existing authorities
be re-affirmed as to signatories."

LEVY PROPOSAL & SECRETARIATE: RESOLVED: "That the President
and Vice-President wait upon the Minister of
Agriculture at the earliest possible date to seek
his assistance with the Levy Proposal and 'pro-tem'
financial assistance to enable maintenance of
necessary Association services meantime."

NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING: RESOLVED: "That a meeting of the
full Executive be called as soon as possible
after the initial enquiries conducted by the
President & Vice-President, to consider, as a
matter of urgency, the provision of future
Secretarial Services."

INTERIM SECRETARIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Fraser advised
that he was prepared to continue in an
"Acting" capacity after 31 August at normal
professional scale fees to assist the
Executive to maintain a continuity of services
pending a new appointment. This offer was accepted
in the spirit in which it was made.

The meeting terminated at 1.15 p.m.

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DATE. 18.9.64 CHAIRMAN. Hawake

Notification of the Change of Trustees of a Legally Constituted Society or Body or Non-mercantile Society
The undersigned, are now the authorised trustees of the Savings Bank account called the

NATIONAL BEERKEPERS ASSOCIATION
OF NEW ZEALAND (Inc.)

Christian Names	Surname	(Specimen Signature)
HARRY ROBERT ALFRED	CROAKE FRASER	<i>[Signature]</i>

Account No. 1362 Branch: FOXTON
(Please copy from passbook cover.)

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES

At a meeting of the *General Executive of the Association*
on the *fourteenth day of September* 19 *64* the above persons
appointed trustees to operate the account in the Post Office Savings Bank.

I hereby certify that the above is a true extract from the minutes of the meeting.

Date: *18 September 1964*

[Signature]

Chairman.

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSN.

TREASURER'S REPORT - 18 SEPTEMBER 1964

lemen,

I have to report that the Balance at the Bank of New Zealand at
is one of CREDIT £195. 11. 0. This sum does however include
/65 Bursary Donations of £110. 0. 0. awaiting transfer to the Bursary
Account after receipt of the Kimpton instalment. The amount of
al Funds at credit at the B.N.Z. is therefore £ 85. 11. 0.
hich should be added P.O.B.B. Credit £ 289. 6. 5.
ng a total credit at date of £ 374. 17. 5.

The response from branches and direct members to our plea for
r payment of 1964/65 subscriptions has been excellent, receipts
te amounting to £370. 9. 0. out of an estimated annual take of
0.0. (Of the £370. 9.0. total subs. to date £113. 5. 0. has come
direct members including six new members)

Amounts awaiting payment are:-

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ference Expenses - G. Winslade	37. 12. 9.
" " - J. Glynn	40. 13. 6.
" " - T.B. Wheeler	18. 3. 7.
" " - H. Cloake	47. 3. 3.
" " - R. Fraser	25. 12. 0.
cial Meetings Expenses - T. Wheeler	12. 8. 4.
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SUB - TOTAL	£ 191. 2. 5.
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which should be added

Contingent Liabilities

ust Journal less advertising	95. 0. 0.
tor's Honorarium & Expenses (3 mths)	55. 0. 0.
inistration (3 mths)	187. 10. 0.
n Executive Meeting Expenses	100. 0. 0.
nes Stationery & Miscellaneous	25. 0. 0.
cial Meeting Expenses - H. Cloake	15. 0. 0.

Total Liabilities at date

£ 668. 12. 5.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE HELD IN THE GRAND
HOTEL, WELLINGTON ON FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 1964 COMMENCING AT 9.30A.M.

PRESENT: Messrs H. Cloake, (Chairman) T.S. Wheeler; J.R. Barber; G.E. Winslade; D.A. Barrow; J. Glynn and the General Secretary (Mr R.A. Fraser)

MINUTES: Minutes of the meeting held on 4 August 1964, copies of which had been circulated were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record on the motion of Messrs Winslade and Wheeler. Minutes of the brief special meeting held on 7 August 1964 were likewise confirmed on the motion of Trustees Wheeler and Barrow.

JOURNAL PRINTER: Confirmation of price for extra pages and run-on copies from the Observer Printing Works Ltd., Auckland were presented by the General Secretary. It was noted that these were more than comparable with those paid to the present printers, the Timaru Herald Ltd. RESOLVED: (Wheeler/Glynn) "That the quotation in terms of printing of the Association's quarterly journal 'The N.Z. Beekeeper' as tendered by the Observer Printing Works Ltd., Auckland be accepted and that the General Secretary be authorised to formalise the contract on behalf of the Executive."

The Secretary was also directed to write to the Herald Printing Works, Timaru advising termination of the present contract with them and the reasons therefor.

APIARIES AMENDMENT BILL 1964: A draft of the proposed bill had just been received from the Director of Horticulture and copies were made available by the General Secretary for consideration. With regard to clause 2 subsection (2) it was considered that the requirement of a Statutory Declaration by all beekeepers as to their inspections of Apiaries for disease purposes was an unnecessary and restrictive imposition. It was decided therefore to request deletion of this requirement and the substitution of an ordinary declaration and signature by the beekeeper.

The wide powers granted to Apiary Inspectors under clause 3 amending the original section No.9 was the subject of some concern. Thought was given to the possibility of amending this clause to preserve the reasonable rights of the individuals. Final consideration on this matter was deferred however until further discussions with the Director of Horticulture later in the morning.

RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL QUESTIONNAIRE: The Secretary read the finally-revised submission which he had made to the Horticultural Working Committee of the National Research Advisory Council. In the final draft, note had been taken of such comments as had been received from Executive members. The submission received the full endorsement of the Executive and the Secretary was commended on the content and presentation.

N.D.A.P. EXAMINERS: The Secretary read correspondence to the Secretary, Royal N.Z. Institute of Horticulture following the last Executive Meeting. He had received no reply. The Chairman advised that he recently had discussions with the Institute on the matter of the Association providing examiners and that arrangements had now been finalised for the 1964 examinations.

APIARIES AMENDMENT BILL: At 11.30 A.M. the Executive received Messrs A.M.W. Greig Director of Horticulture and E. Smaellie, Superintendent of Beekeeping. With regard to the concern of the Executive over the wide powers

of inspectors, Mr Greig pointed out that the bill was only empowering and that actual application would be controlled by Regulations and/or Departmental working procedures. The powers of Apiary Inspectors could be limited at this point and he would personally be quite happy to have prior consultation with the Executive on the interpretive instructions which the Department would prepare for the guidance of Apiary Inspectors. The Executive should however, communicate its views in these matters to the Minister and obtain the assurances of prior consultation from him.

RESOLVED: (Barber/Glynn) "That the Executive approves of the proposed bill subject to reasonable guarantees of consultation and consideration of industry views over Departmental work procedures and all regulations under the Act."

HORTICULTURAL WORKING COMMITTEE RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

In answer to a question from Mr Wheeler, Mr Greig confirmed that the Horticultural Working Committee did not include personnel with any intimate knowledge of beekeeping which could assess the submissions of the Association on Apicultural Research. He suggested that the Executive write to the Chairman of the Committee asking who would be analysing the Association's Submissions.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT: The General Secretary circulated copies of a financial statement setting out the current funds position and accrued liabilities and this was discussed briefly. RESOLVED: (Wheeler/Barber) "That accounts totalling £191.2.5. as appearing on the Treasurer's Statement be passed for payment."

OVERSEAS STUDY BURSARY: Correspondence which had passed between the General Secretary and the Alberta Beekeepers' Assn., and Department of Agriculture was reviewed and satisfaction expressed with the way the project was progressing.

EXECUTIVE MEETING & CONFERENCE FOLLOW-UP: The Secretary reported on the action he had taken on various Executive and Conference resolutions and correspondence in this regard was read as follows:-

To: Director of Horticulture dated 11.9.64 re B.L. Disease Legislative Amendments.

From: Department of Apiculture Alberta dated 30/6/64 re Bursary Tour (circulated)

From: Alberta Beekeepers' Association dated 10/8/64 re Bursary Study Tour (circulated)

To: " " " dated 21/8/64 re same (circulated)

To: Bay of Plenty Branch re no-confidence T. Palmer-Jones.

To: C. Dawson re National Beekeepers Library Report.

To: Honey Marketing Authority re Finance for Massey University Food Technology Award.

To: National Council of Churches re Appeal on behalf of Eddie Loo.

To: D.G. King re same.

To: Editor N.Z. Beekeeper re same enclosing Draft Appeal for November Issue.

To: J. McFadzien re Presentation Fund.

To: Honey Marketing Authority conveying Conference Resolutions.

To: Director-General of Horticulture conveying Conference Resolutions.

From: Waikato Branch conveying various resolutions.
To: Same in reply.
To: Director Cauthorn Institute re Hopkin's Bequest.
To: Secretary N.Z. Dental Association re Honey
& Dental Caries.
To: Minister of Overseas Trade re Prices & Price
Control.
To: " " " " re Incentives for
Honey Export.
To: Honey Marketing Authority re same.
To: W.E. Vickers re Membership.
To: G.E. Winslade re Training Seminar and Post-
Mortem Questionnaires.

RESOLVED: (Wheeler/Winslade) "That the General
Secretary's action be endorsed."

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned for luncheon
at 1.15 p.m. and resumed at 2.00 p.m.

SECRETARIAL: Mr R.A. Fraser elaborated on the circular advice
he had given members under date of 27 August 1964,
explaining that his "resignation" at Hastings had been
designed to assist the Executive in obtaining Confer-
ence endorsement of the Levy Proposal, by bringing
a sense of realism to the consideration of
Association finances. His formal resignation had
however given the Executive an opportunity to re-assess
his personal services and to make other arrangements
if it so desired. He indicated his desire to retain
the position of General Secretary if the Executive
so wished and thus maintain his close interest and
understanding of the industry and its problems in
further service. He presented a letter to the
Chairman advising that as a result of re-organisation
of his Accountancy practice he would now be in a
position to give up to three-quarters of his full
time to servicing the industry in an enlarged role if
the Executive wished to implement previous Conferences'
requests for increased services and had the financial
capability to do so. The chairman asked at what
remuneration he would be prepared to continue.
Mr Fraser stated his belief that the consideration of
remuneration should not be discussed at this stage
but left open until after the impending meeting with
the Honey Marketing Authority which would be exploring
further avenues of financing the Association. He
pointed out that at this moment the Executive did
not possess the capability to pay even the current
Administration Allowance. In his view the Executive's
first thought should be towards the quantum of services
considered necessary or desirable and that this should
dictate the quantum of finance sought from the H.M.A.
Future secretarial arrangements should be deferred
until it was known how much finance was going to be
available. He would hope however that if he was to
continue that it may be possible for the Executive
to raise the Administration Allowance to £1000 P.A.
in recognition of costs established in 1961 and
inflationary trends since that time.

To enable the Executive to have a perfectly free
discussion on the matter, Mr Fraser withdrew from
the Meeting.

On his return he was advised that the Executive
considered it necessary to keep its costs to a
minimum meantime and as remuneration was a factor
in his retention, the Executive had decided with

regret to accept his previously notified resignation. In doing so, it was cognisant of the contribution which he had made over the years to the industry's welfare and RESOLVED: "That this Executive places on record its sincere appreciation of the services of Mr R.A.Fraser." The matter of calling applications for the position of General Secretary was left in the hands of Mr H.Cloake.

ASSOCIATION FINANCE: During the Secretary's absence the Executive had prepared estimates of its requirements for short-term finance and instructed the President and Vice-President as to the submissions to be made to the Honey Marketing Authority on 14 October.

TOXIC HONEY MEETING: RESOLVED: (Wheeler/Barber) "That the President and General Secretary represent the Association at the Toxic Honey Meeting called for 15 and 16 October 1964 in Wellington."

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS AT CONFERENCE: Attention was drawn to the fact that neither the Superintendent of Beekeeping nor the Apiculturist attended the Hastings Conference. (Winslade/Barrow) "That this Executive deplores the fact that no Senior Officer of the Apiary Section of the Department of Agriculture was present at the Hastings Conference."

CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS: The Secretary referred remits 1,3,4,6,45 and 54 to the Executive for direction as to action desired. With regard to remit No.54 dealing with Opossum Control, the Secretary pointed out the position as he knew it from his knowledge of the Rabbit Board Legislation. It was decided however, that the resolution should be conveyed to the Minister of Internal Affairs. Decided that no action be taken meantime on remits 1,3,4,6,45.

The meeting closed at 6 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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DATE 26-11-64 CHAIRMAN H. Cloake

GRAND HOTEL WELLINGTON ON 25 & 26 NOVEMBER 1964 COMMENCING

AT 9.30 A.M. ON THE FORMER DATE.

PRESENT: Messrs H. Cloake; (Chairman) T.S. Wheeler; G.E. Winslade; J.R. Barber; J. Glynn; D.A. Barrow; and the General Secretary, (Mr R.A. Fraser).

MINUTES: Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 September 1964, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record on the motion of Messrs Winslade and Wheeler.

ASSOCIATION FINANCE: Messrs Cloake and Wheeler reported on their negotiations with the N.Z. Honey Marketing Authority following the suggestion made by the Minister of Agriculture. As a result of this meeting, the Honey Marketing Authority had offered financial assistance with the costs of the Association's quarterly Journal, assistance with costs of Executive Meetings dealing with matters of direct interest or concern to the Honey Marketing Authority and with the costs which would be involved for the Association in pursuing the levy proposal to finance its own affairs. The currency of the arrangements was limited to two years. A letter from the Authority under date of 21 October 1964 confirmed its offer.

Members expressed satisfaction with the arrangements which had been made and it was RESOLVED (Glynn/Winslade) "That the representations of the President and Vice-President to the Honey Marketing Authority be endorsed and that the terms of the Honey Marketing Authority's offer be accepted."

GENERAL SECRETARYSHIP: The President advised that 20 applications had been received for the position advertised. He and Mr Wheeler had personally interviewed the majority of these and had reduced the list down to four most likely applicants for interview by the Executive as a whole. These four applicants were interviewed throughout the day. Finally, it was RESOLVED "That this Executive appoint Mr V.S. Lynskey as General Secretary to the Association at an administration fee of £750 per annum and that this appointment commence at 1 December 1964."

CONFERENCE DATE 1965: It was mentioned that the Otago Branch would like the earliest possible indication of the date of Conference in Dunedin 1965 so that preliminary arrangements could be made for full bookings etc. RESOLVED (Glynn/Barrow) "That 1965 Dominion Conference be held on 21, 22, 23 (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) of July 1965."

At a later stage of the meeting when Mr Lynskey was in attendance, there was some doubt as to the convenience of these dates to himself. He asked whether the 28th, 29th and 30th would be suitable to the Association and was advised that this would be an acceptable change. It was left to Mr Lynskey to advise the Otago Branch of the final dates chosen.

PRICE CONTROL AND PRICES: The Secretary advised that no decision had yet been received from the Minister of Industries & Commerce on the Association's application for the release of honey from Price Control, although the matter had been under consideration by government for some months. Correspondence was also to hand from the Honey Marketing Authority advising that the Authority had made application for a review of the controlled price of honey packed in glass jars. Prior to the meeting the Secretary had made arrangements for a deputation comprising himself, the President and the Chairman and Manager of the Honey Marketing Authority to meet the Minister on the following day. Accordingly, the question of further action on prices & price control was deferred.

EXPORT INCENTIVE SCHEME: Correspondence to and from the Honey Marketing

Authority and the Minister of Trade was presented and considered. It was noted that both the Authority and the Minister were unprepared to include extracted honey packed in retail containers in the list of qualifying exports. However, there was no reply to the Association's other request for the inclusion of comb foundation section honey in the list of qualifying exports. This matter was also to be taken up with the Minister on the following day.

CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS: Replies were received from the Honey Marketing Authority and the Director-General of Agriculture to various Conference resolutions which had been referred to them for comment. After consideration of the replies the correspondence was RECEIVED. RESOLVED "That copies be sent to all branches."

TOXIC HONEY: The President and Secretary reported on the further specialist meeting which had been held in Wellington at the request of the Minister of Agriculture to evaluate the latest information available on the toxic honey problem and to decide further action which should be taken by either government or the industry or both in relation to the matter. At the meeting further scientific evidence had been produced by Dr. F.N. Fastier of Otago University and Dr. White of Rurakura Agricultural Research Establishment, which showed an irrefutable link between tutu, the passion vine hopper and toxic honey. It was evident that beekeepers producing honey in areas where tutu and the passion vine hopper existed side by side had to accept the possibility of toxic honey as a calculated risk in their production. It was noted that the full report of the meeting would be made available by the Department of Agriculture shortly. It was agreed that no further action could be taken by the Association in the meantime.

TIMARU TRAINING SEMINAR: Mr Winslade gave a verbal report of the Timaru Seminar on practical beekeeping which had been held in September. RESOLVED (Wheeler/Glynn) "That the verbal report be received and that Mr Winslade be requested to furnish a full written report, financial statements etc. to the next meeting of the General Executive so that the same be available as a reference file for future seminars."

SEMINAR PROFITS: In relation to the profit of approximately £30 made on the Timaru School, it was RESOLVED (Winslade/Barrow) "That seminar profits be held for use in future seminars or training schools and that the funds be identified separately in the Associations' accounts."

FUTURE SEMINARS: There was general agreement that a similar seminar should be held in the North Island preferably Hamilton in 1965. RESOLVED (Barber/Winslade) "That Mr T.S. Wheeler be appointed the project convenor for the North Island Training School." Mr Wheeler accepted this appointment.

RESOLVED (Barrow/Wheeler) "That this Executive expresses its appreciation to Mr G. Winslade for his services as convenor of the Timaru Training Seminar."

TRANSFER OF SECRETARYSHIP: Mr Lynskey attended the meeting from 10 am. to 11.30 am. on the Thursday when matters affecting transfer of duties were discussed.

Association Auditor: RESOLVED (Wheeler/Barber) "That Messrs Moir, Campion and Mason be re-appointed the Association's auditors to the 31st May 1965 and that the accounts be audited as at 30 November 1964 prior to

transfer to Mr Lynskey."

Bank Account: RESOLVED (Barber/Barrow) "That the Association's Current Account at the Bank of New Zealand, Foxton be transferred to the Bank of New Zealand, Wellington Branch with the same provisions as to signatories."

OVERSEAS STUDY TOUR: The Secretary referred to the fact that no replies had been received from Canada in answer to his two letters, dated 21 August 1964. It was therefore, not known how far the Canadian people had progressed with their arrangements to host a bursar from New Zealand in 1965. It was decided that the General Secretary write again asking for itineraries to be in our hands by 31 January 1965, as failure to provide the information by this date would make it impossible for the Association to finalise local New Zealand arrangements for the tour next year. Even assuming that a reply was received by 31 January 1965, little time would be available to the Executive for the selection of a bursar and the making of arrangements for him to be in Canada by April to coincide with the Canadian production season.

HOPKINS BEQUEST: The Secretary read a reply from Dr. Barnicoat Director, Cawthron Institute Nelson, dated 6.10.64. The Institute had confirmed the existence of a fund for Apicultural Research and invited the Association to nominate a project for scientific investigation out of the proceeds of the fund. The Secretary had asked under date of 13 October for the actual sum available for such a project but to date, no advice was to hand. It was decided that the General Secretary write again to Dr. Barnicoat seeking information as to the amount of funds in hand so that the Executive would be in a more informed position to suggest a work project.

RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL: The Secretary read correspondence to and from Professor Langer, Chairman of the Horticulture Working Committee, National Research Advisory Council, in relation to the submissions of the Association on Apicultural Research. Professor Langer's reply was noted and it was decided that no further action be taken.

JOURNAL PRINTER: Correspondence to the Observer Printing Works relative to the formalising of arrangements between the Association and the Company for the printing of the quarterly Journal "The N.Z. Beekeeper" was tabled and advised upon by the Secretary. No reply had been received from the Company to date possibly as a result of the 6% general wage increase. It was decided to allow the Company a further period to reply.

CONFERENCE REMIT ON OPOSSUMS: Correspondence to and from the Minister of Internal Affairs was read and it was noted that the Minister of Forests would be communicating at a later date.

APIARIES AMENDMENT BILL: The Secretary's submissions to the Minister of Agriculture following the last meeting of the Executive were noted and approved. As the legislation was now likely to be deferred until the next parliamentary session, no further action was taken.

SENIOR APIARY OFFICERS AT CONFERENCE: Correspondence to and from the Director of Horticulture was read and noted.

LIBRARY REPORT: Although the Honorary librarian, Mr Chris Dawson had promised a full report and accounts for the Library for the year ended 31 March 1964, these had not yet come to hand.

SUGAR COSTS: A request from Waikato Producers for an approach by the Executive to government for a subsidy on sugar for bee feeding purposes was presented by Mr Wheeler. The applicants maintained that the exceptional spring weather conditions coupled with the

high cost of sugar warranted an application for special relief. This matter was considered at some length but on the evidence available, it was considered that no case for special action by the Executive had been made. Accordingly, no action was contemplated. Mr Winslade also referred to the drought conditions in North Otago which had caused the district to be declared a "Disaster Area." The sugar feeding problem existed in that area also but the matter was being handled by the local Disaster Committee on which Mr Winslade was sitting as a representative of local beekeepers. It was decided that no action be taken by the Executive.

GENERAL BUSINESS: In the course of discussion of general business, the following motions put forward by Mr D.A. Barrow were carried:-

1. That the Executive request the Secretary N.B.A. to write to Mr T. Palmer-Jones, Principal Scientific Officer at Wallaceville Research Centre asking for a twice yearly report on Beekeeping Research work being undertaken by him and his staff. These reports to be printed in the N.Z. Beekeeper.
2. That the Executive direct the Secretary of the N.B.A. to send a summary of the minutes of each Executive Meeting to the Branch Secretaries of the N.B.A.
3. That the Secretary write to Mr Smaellie, Superintendent of the Beekeeping Industry requesting (1) An immediate re-instatement of the Apiary Section in the N.Z. Beekeeper, and (2) A fuller account of Departmental matters to be published in the N.Z. Beekeeper than has been the case in the past.

The meeting terminated at 6 pm.

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DATE 26-4-65 CHAIRMAN *Heaven*